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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Ramon Navarro  
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Application No. : 10/613,329  
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Filing Date : July 3, 2003  
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For : CLAMPING ARTICLE AND METHOD  
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Examiner : Robert C. Watson  
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Art Unit : 3723  
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Confirmation No. : 5055  
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Docket No.: : MAEST-63843  
Customer No. : 24201

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Presented below is a complete set of claims with current status indicators. Claim 7 has been cancelled, and claims 1, 3, 10, 13 and 14 have been amended. Please cancel claim 7, and enter the amended claims 1, 3, 10, 13 and 14.